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SUBJECT: PERSONNEL CHANGES

REF: ABIDJAN 2357, STATE 74006

1. WE ARE AWARE OF PROBLEMS CONCERNING TRAVEL OF EMPLOYEES THIS SUMMER AND REALIZE THAT POSTS MUST TAKE GAPS. FOR THIS REASON ABIDJAN HAS HAD TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING;

OFFICER	DEPARTURE	REPLACEMENT
LIPPE	9/74	1/75
WESCOTT	10/74	1/75
MCCARTHY	1/75	7/75
MILLIREN/SUTTON	1/75	6/75 (MAYBE)
MILLANICH	4/75	7/75
JUNIOR E/C OFFICER	4/75	OPEN
SIKES	6/75	7/75

WE HAVE ACCEPTED THE DEPARTMENT'S REQUESTS WHENEVER POSSIBLE AND WILL ABSORB GAPS BY FILLING IN FORM OTHER POSITIONS BUT WE ARE NOT IN A POSITON TO FURTHER EXTEND OURSELVES IN THE ADMIN SECTION.

2. IN IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT BOWMAN ARRIVES BY JUNE 15. WE DO NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO COVER THAT POSITION WHEN A THIRD OF THE MISSION WILL BE MOVING. THIS ONE GSO POSITION PROVIDES FULL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR AID, DAO, USIA AND PEACE CORPS AS WELL AS STATE. IN JULY WE WILL PROCESS 14 STATE TRANSFER (5 GOING AND 9 COMING). REDSO EXPECTS UNCLASSIFIED

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ABOUT FIVE TRANSFERS PLUS AT LEAST TEN NEW POSITIONS AT THE

SAME TIME. THE PAO IS BEING REPLACED IN JULY. THIS MEANS THAT 15 HOUSES WILL HAVE TO BE RECONDITIONED AND AT LEAST TEN MORE LEASED AND "AMERICANIZED" IN A FIVE-WEEK PERIOD. IT WOULD NOT BE VERY EQUITABLE TO ASK SCOTT TO EXTEND. HIS WIFE IS PREGNANT AND THE LAST DAY SHE WOULD BE PERMITTED TO BOARD A COMMERCIAL AIRPLANE IS JULY 2, 1975.

3. MCCONNEL WAS ELIGIBLE FOR HL IN DECEMBER 1974. TO MAKE HIM WAIT UNTIL NEXT FISCAL YEAR EXCEEDS SIX MONTHS. HIS FATHER-IN-LAW IS RECUPERATING FROM A STROKE WHICH WAS SERIOUS ENOUGH TO JUSTIFY HIS WIFE'S EMERGENCY TRAVEL IN 1974. HE HAS UNDERGONE THREE MAJOR OPERATIONS IN THE LAST YEAR AND IS 76 YEARS OLD. IN ADDITION, MCCONNELL PURCHASED A HOUSE BY PROXY FOR PARENTS-IN-LAW IN 1974 AND MUST RETURN HOME BY JUNE 1975 TO SIGN NECESSARY DOCUMENTS BEFORE TERMINATION OF ONE YEAR'S WARRANTY WHICH WILL EXPIRE IN JUNE. THE WARRANTY REQUIRES HIS PERSONAL INSPECTION.

4. IF APRIL HL POSSIBLE, MCCONNELL WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND TWO WEEKS FRENCH TRAINING AT FSI AT THE END OF JUNE AS INDICATED IN STATE 254793 OF 11/19/74.

5. THE EARLY ARRIVAL OF CRAWFORD IS NOT AS PRESSING AS THE OTHER SO WE WILL DROP OUR REQUEST. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL NEVERTHELESS BE ABLE TO STICK TO A JUNE TRANSFER FOR RAMSAY. HE IS TO REPORT TO THE FSI ECON COURSE ON JULY 14. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE LEAVE AND MAKE PERSONAL PLANS TO TRAVEL IN JUNE.

6. WE WOULD APPRECIATE A PRIORITY REPLY, ESPECIALLY ON MCCONNEL'S TRAVEL
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